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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS AND ALLIED  
DEMARCHES

REF: STATE 202520

1. I CARRIED OUT REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS WITH FOREIGN MIN-  
ISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL DE COURCEL TUESDAY MORNING.  
DE COURCEL SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR DEMARCHE TO  
POLITICAL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ON URGENT BASIS AND WOULD  
REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DE COURCEL SAID GOF POLICY ON PORTUGAL SO FAR HAS  
BEEN TO AVOID AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IMAGE OF INTERFERENCE  
IN INTERNAL PORTUGUESE POLITICS. FRENCH ASSISTANCE HAS  
BEEN LIMITED TO SMALL NUMBER OF CHARTER FLIGHTS WHICH  
HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT 2,000 ANGOLAN REFUGEES FROM LUANDA TO  
LISBON. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, DE COURCEL EXPRESSED VIEW  
THAT WESTERN DEMARCHES RECOMMENDED REFTEL MIGHT HAVE  
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECT OF GALVANIZING NATIONALIST SEN-  
TIMENT IN PORTUGAL AGAINST THE MODERATES. HE SAID FRENCH  
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EMBASSY IS REPORTING THAT WHILE SITUATION IS CONFUSED

AND UNCERTAIN, THEY EXPECT GONCALVEZ TO BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, THEREFORE, THAT GOF WOULD WANT TO RISK REVERSAL OF THIS TREND BY WHAT DE COURCEL CALLED VISIBLE DEMARCHES BY WESTERN EMBASSIES IN LISBON. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, AND THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR DEMARCHE URGENTLY.  
GAMMON

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